

RESOLUTION NO. 2888

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONNEY LAKE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ESTABLISHING A “THANK SMALL, THINK LOCAL” SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM TO OFFSET THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF COVID-19 SHUTDOWN ORDERS.

WHEREAS, in January 2020 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared a public emergency related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the State of Washington declared a State of Emergency in all Washington counties due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25, which imposed a “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order requiring businesses to close until further notice, with exceptions for businesses considered “essential;” and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.3, which adopted a phased approach for reopening on a county by county basis; and

WHEREAS, Proclamation 20-25.3 allowed local businesses such as restaurants, movie theaters, retail stores, and gyms to operate with restrictions once Pierce County moved into Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2020, Governor Inslee issued Proclamation 20-25.8, which rolled back the reopening provisions of Proclamation 20-25.3 by, for example, closing gyms and movie theaters, restricting capacity at retail stores, and prohibiting indoor dining at restaurants; and

WHEREAS, local businesses have been economically devastated by the COVID-19 crisis and related shut-down orders by being forced to close, restrict operations, and incur expenses to comply with COVID-19 safety protocols including the purchase of personal protective equipment; and

WHEREAS, local businesses are an essential back-bone of the economy because they employ local residents, feed the tax base, promote a sense of community, and provide local opportunities for shopping, dining, and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, even temporary closures and operational restrictions on local businesses have caused detrimental economic impacts by increasing unemployment and causing tax and utility revenues to decline; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 shut-downs have already forced some local businesses to close permanently, and the Council fears even more will permanently close as a result of the recent restrictions; and

WHEREAS, business closures have a ripple effect on the local economy by worsening unemployment, harming proximate and related businesses, and leading to defaults on rent and utility payments; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Constitution allows local governments to utilize public funds to “care for the poor and infirm” as well as for any fundamental purpose of government; and

WHEREAS, assisting local businesses in this time of unprecedented crisis is a fundamental purpose of government because it will offset severe economic impacts and help prevent more permanent business closures, ultimately benefiting the City of Bonney Lake and its residents by maintaining a vibrant business community and providing funding for essential services.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council Resolves as follows:

The “Thank Small, Think Local” Small Business Grant Program is established. The Mayor is authorized to transfer funds up to a maximum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the 2021 budget and/or ending fund balance in order to fund the Program.

Grants shall be provided to eligible businesses in amounts between fifteen hundred (\$1,500) and ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars on a first-come, first served basis. Funds disbursed under the Program shall not require repayment. Eligibility criteria for grants shall be in accordance with Attachment A to this Resolution.

The Mayor or designee shall oversee the grant program, including the creation of a public information program to promote awareness, the development of application materials, and the disbursement of grant funds.

PASSED by the City Council this 24th day of November, 2020.

AUTHENTICATED:

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City of Bonney Lake, Washington
City Council Agenda Bill (AB)

Department/Staff Contact: Legislative /	Meeting/Workshop Date: 24 November 2020	Agenda Bill Number: AB20-136
Agenda Item Type: Resolution	Ordinance/Resolution Number: 2888	Sponsor:

Agenda Subject: "Thank Small, Think Local" Small Business Grant Program

Full Title/Motion: A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Bonney Lake, Pierce County, Washington, Establishing A "Thank Small, Think Local" Small Business Community Grant Program To Offset The Economic Impacts Of COVID-19 Shutdown Orders.

Administrative Recommendation: Approve

Background Summary: This Resolution would establish a "Thank Small, Think Local" Small Business Grant Program and allocate up to a maximum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) from the 2020 budget and/or ending fund balance to fund the Program. Grants would be provided to eligible businesses in amounts between fifteen hundred (\$1,500) and ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars on a first-come, first served basis. Funds disbursed under the Program would not require repayment and eligibility criteria is simialr to that of the prior small business CARES act funding program.

Attachments: Resolution 2888

BUDGET INFORMATION

Budget Amount	Current Balance	Required Expenditure	Budget Balance	Fund Source
		\$500,000		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General
				<input type="checkbox"/> Utilities
				<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Budget Explanation: Allocation of up to a maximum of \$500,000 from the 2020 budget and/or ending fund balance to the fund the Program.

COMMITTEE, BOARD & COMMISSION REVIEW

Council Committee Review:	<i>Approvals:</i>	Yes	No
Date:	Chair/Councilmember	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forward to:	Consent Agenda:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Commission/Board Review:			
Hearing Examiner Review:			

COUNCIL ACTION

Workshop Date(s):	Public Hearing Date(s):
Meeting Date(s):	Tabled to Date:

APPROVALS

Director:	Mayor: <i>NJJ</i>	Date Reviewed by City Attorney: (if applicable)	November 18, 2020
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ATTACHMENT A

“THANK SMALL, THINK LOCAL” SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligible businesses

- Physical (brick and mortar) location in the City of Bonney Lake, with address verified on date of application.
- Been in operation and licensed within the City of Bonney Lake before March 1, 2020.
- Have a current City of Bonney Lake Business License.
- The business must be a for-profit business.
- The business had 20 or fewer full time equivalent employees (FTE) as of March 1, 2020.
- The businesses is not owned, or partially owned, by employees or public officials associated with the City of Bonney Lake.
- Demonstrate financial losses due to COVID-19 or related shut-down orders.
- Demonstrate that eligible expenses were incurred while the business suffered financial losses related to COVID-19.
- Receipt of grant funds will help business to survive temporary restrictions on operations and avoid permanent closure.

Eligible expenses must have been incurred between March 1, 2020 and November 24, 2020, and may include:

- Business rent or mortgage payments
- Retaining and/or supporting employees, payroll and benefits
- Restoring financial resiliency
- Addressing temporary COVID-19 related restrictions on business activity
- Increasing technology capacity to enable alternative work forms or service delivery
- Creating new marketing campaigns
- Revising business plans
- Paying vendor invoices
- Facility cleaning/restoration

Documentation of expenses will be required. Eligible expenses do not include expenses that have been reimbursed through other government assistance programs.